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SUB: VISIT OF INTERIOR UNDER SECRETARY JAMES JOSEPH

REF: STATE 132600

FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR ABOVE VISIT. THIS
WILL BE CONFIRMED ASAP NEXT WEEK:

MONDAY, JUNE 5:

- KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO SEMINAR, ETC.
- POSSIBLE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DURING AFTERNOON
- TRAVEL TO BIRMINGHAM BY TRAIN EARLY EVENING.
NATIONAL COAL BOARD (NCB) WILL MEET AND TAKE TO
HOTEL. STAY NIGHT.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6:

- ESCORTED BY NCB OFFICIALS AROUND THE BAGWORTH
COLLIERY (VISIT UNDERGROUND MINE IN MORNING AND
OPEN-CAST MINE IN AFTERNOON). NCB WILL TAKE PARTY
TO EITHER BIRMINGHAM OR EAST MIDLAND AIRPORTS,
WHICHEVER ONE IS APPROPRIATE.
- PLANE TO ABERDEEN. MET BY AREA REPRESENTATIVES IN
ABERDEEN. STAY NIGHT.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6:

- MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT ABERDEEN AND
PETERHEAD (THIS PORTION OF TRIP BEING ARRANGED IN
CONJUNCTION WITH AMCONSULATE, EDINBURGH, WHO WILL
FURNISH EMBASSY WITH FULL INFORMATION NEXT WEEK).

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- EARLY EVENING FLY FROM ABERDEEN TO LONDON VIA
BEA SHUTTLE. NIGHT IN LONDON.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7:

- 0845 AM MEET WITH THE RT. HON. TONY BENN, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY.
- EMBASSY IN PROCESS OF SETTING UP MEETING WITH EITHER
SEC. STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT PETER SHORE (WHO MAY NOT

BE AVAILABLE THAT WEEK), OR A MEMBER OF HIS IMMEDIATE STAFF.

-- EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NATIONAL UNION OF MINEWORKERS (NUM). THE PRESIDENT, MR. JOE GORMLEY, IS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER NATIONAL HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, MAY 29, BUT HIS OFFICE THINKS HE WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH MR. JOSEPH SOME TIME THURSDAY AFTERNOON. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNION MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE. EMBASSY WILL CONFIRM NEXT WEEK.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9:

-- CLOSING REMARKS TO SEMINAR ABOUT MID-AFTERNOON. JOSEPH DEPARTS UK; HELLER STAYS THRU NIGHT JUNE 12.

2. JOSEPH AND HELLER BOOKED INTO LEINSTER TOWERS HOTEL FOR NIGHTS THEY ARE IN LONDON. OTHER HOTEL BOOKINGS OUT OF TOWN WILL BE ARRANGED BY EMBASSY.

3. DURING JOSEPH/HELLER VISIT TO BAGWORTH COLLIERY, NCB OFFICIALS WILL DISCUSS POINTS STATED IN PARA 3, REFTEL; BENN AND SHORE'S OFFICES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION STATED IN PARA 3 REFTEL; AMCONSULATE AWARE OF SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION STATED IN PARA 3, STATE 128334.

4. SUGGEST OTHER APPOINTMENTS FOR HELLER COULD BE MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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AFTERNOON OF MONDAY, JUNE 5, OR AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, JUNE 9.

5. ACTION REQUIRED: A) NCB WISHES TO KNOW HEIGHT, CHEST SIZE AND SHOE SIZE OF JOSEPH AND HELLER, SO THEY CAN SUPPLY SUITABLE OVERALLS FOR MINE VISITS. IF HELLER TAKES SMALL SIZE IN SHOES THEY SUGGEST SHE BRING HER OWN (STRONG WALKING SHOES), ALSO BRING AN OLD SCARF AND SLACKS TO WEAR UNDER OVERALLS; B) IF WISHED EMBASSY CAN BOOK TICKETS FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL IN UK, BUT REQUIRES TRAVEL APPROPRIATION NUMBERS TO DO SO. PLEASE CABLE SOONEST; C) EMBASSY STILL AWAITING SHORT BIO REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

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